

**MASTER OF ARTS IN DISTANCE**

**EDUCATION (MADE)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2025**

**MDE-411 : GROWTH AND PHILOSOPHY OF  
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Weightage : 75%*

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**Note :** (i) *Answer all questions.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal weightage.*

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1. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about **1200** words :
  - (a) Describe the various features of open distance education. What are the challenges associated with this system of education ? Justify your answer with suitable examples.

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- (b) Discuss the role of media and technology in distance education. Suggest a few innovative strategies for making effective use of media and technology in distance education system.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **300** words each :
- (a) Explain the terminology 'multiplier effect' in the context of open distance learning.
- (b) How is the correspondence education different from distance education ?
- (c) Write a short note on 'Mega Open Universities'.
- (d) Differentiate between the characteristics of traditional learners and new learners.
- (e) Explain the term 'Human Element' in ODL.

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- (f) Analyse the role of ODL towards educational empowerment and staff development in Africa.
3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about **1200** words :
- (a) “ODL has been successfully meeting the aspirations of 21st century youths.” Do you agree with this statement ? Give proper justification to your answer with examples and illustrations.

*Or*

- (b) Discuss the role of Self-Learning Materials (SLMs) and assignments towards effective teaching and learning through distance mode. What are various measures that can be taken to enhance quality of SLMs ?

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